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The Honorable Dean Heller  
United States Senator  
324 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller,

On behalf of the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT), I would like to express my support for your introduction of the Jobs Originated through Launching Travel Act of 2015 (JOLT Act). NCOT, and its thousands of statewide tourism industry partners, support this important piece of legislation and its potential for enhancing Nevada's economy through increasing international inbound leisure and business visitation.

As you know, travel and tourism is the state's leading industry generating more than \$62.2 billion in annual state revenue and employing more than 450,000 Nevadans. Nevada's travel and tourism offerings are ideal for international visitors and provide not only the world's most desired entertainment destination in Las Vegas, but also the authentic western culture of Elko as well as the spectacular natural resources of Lake Tahoe and the Great Basin National Park. The JOLT Act will move the nation's travel visa process forward, streamlining efforts to increase both business and leisure travel to the United States. Nevada will benefit greatly from the policy enhancements outlined in this bill.

The Commissioners who proudly represent the tourism industry as part of the Nevada Commission on Tourism fully support the JOLT act and the opportunities it provides to the state. We believe the policy enhancements included within the bill language are important for moving Nevada's vibrant tourism industry forward in a very positive way.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of the state and its travel and tourism industry.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Hutchinson".

Mark Hutchinson  
Lieutenant Governor